

OLD PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Welcome to the new week, and I hope that everyone enjoyed their weekend. Thank you to all the parents/carers that came along on Friday to listen to the children singing their carols before the Malinslee Christmas light switch on. I think that hearing some carols got everyone excited about Christmas. I am sure over the next week the excitement will build in school as we start doing more activities related to the festive period. We had lots of activities taking place in school last week from visits to the Minster, canoeing at Arthog outreach and Y6 took part in an amazing World War 2 experience day. It was great to see how engaged the pupils were with all these activities which support their academic learning.

Please ensure that you check the dates on page 2 of the newsletter for Christmas events that are taking place during the rest of this term, and we thank you in advance if you are able to come along and support the children at any of these. I hope that everyone has a great week and we look forward to the rest of the term.



THINGS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Y6 Christmas raffle tickets are on sale each lunch time

Tuesday 3rd December: Y5 Minster visit

Tuesday 3rd December: F2 Xmas singalong 2:30pm

Wednesday 4th December: Some Y3 and Y4 pupils at Arthog outreach

ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE

Whole school attendance last week was 94.8%.

Well done to the following classes for beating the 96% attendance challenge last week:

FW, 1H, 1J, 2K, 2V, 3/4P, 3F, 5EF and 6A



A special well done to **2V** who had the highest attendance across the school last week.



REMINDERS

Trading cards: A reminder that pupils should not bring any Pokémon, football or other trading cards into school. There were some times that these caused issues in school last week, and some of them can be worth a lot of money, so we do not want them to get lost.

Punctuality: A reminder that the doors to the classrooms open at 8:40am each day and the register for the morning session takes place at 8:55am. All pupils must be in class by this time else they will be marked as late (L code). Anyone that arrives after 9:30am is give a U code which means even though they are in school their attendance will not count for the morning session.

Unauthorised absence: As we are now passed the 10th week of the term we will be analysing our attendance data with the EWO this week for any pupils that have 10 sessions or 5 days of unauthorised absence. As per the government guidance that was changed in August 2024 this could result in families receiving a fine if they meet this criteria. If you have any issues with attendance or would like to discuss this in more detail please contact the school office or your child's class teacher.

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AUTUMN 2 DATES

Tuesday 3rd December: **Foundation sing around the Xmas tree 2:30pm**
Monday 9th - Friday 13 December: **Y6 Arthog residential**
Tuesday 10th December: **Y1 Christmas performance 10am**
Tuesday 10th December: **Y2 Christmas performance 2pm**
Thursday 12th December: **Save the Children Christmas jumper day**
Monday 16th December: **Y5 and 6 Christmas performance**
Tuesday 17th December: **Y3 and 4 Christmas performance**
Wednesday 18th December: **Christmas lunch**
Thursday 19th December: **Last day of term for pupils**
Friday 20th December: **Staff PD day (children not in school)**



TERM DATES FOR 2024/2025

20th December 24 - 3rd January 25	Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January 25	Spring term 1 begins
17th - 21st February 25	Half term holiday
Monday 24th February 25	Spring term 2 begins
14th April - 25th April 2025	Easter holidays
Monday 28th April 2025	Summer term 1 begins
Monday 5th May 2025	May bank holiday
26th May - 30th May 25	Half term holiday
Monday 2nd June 25	Staff PD day (children not in school)
Tuesday 3rd June 25	Summer term 2 begins
Friday 18th July 25	Last day of the academic year

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Old Park Primary School VALUES



Belonging	Respect	Responsibility
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I am proud to be part of the Old Park family.2. I am a special and important part of our school.3. I feel happy and valued.4. I feel safe in school.5. I help others through my support and friendship.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I treat everyone the same.2. 'Everyone is awesome'.3. We are all allowed different views and opinions.4. I do not disturb the learning of others, and I help others to learn the best they can.5. I care for myself, the school, the community and the wider world.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. I always try my best with my learning.2. I make good choices.3. I am honest.4. I know that my actions will have consequences.5. I am a good role model to others.



Old Park Primary School BEHAVIOUR RULES



1. Follow instructions
2. To have kind words, kind hands and kind feet.
3. To show respect for everyone within the school community.



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You're Invited!
**10th Annual
SANTAS VS ELVES
Charity Ice Hockey Match
hosted by
TELFORD SPARTANS**

**SATURDAY,
7TH DECEMBER FACE OFF 4:15PM**

TELFORD ICE RINK
BAR OPEN - RAFFLE - GAMES - AND MORE

British Heart Foundation



Telford & Wrekin
Council
Protect, care and invest
to create a better borough
Telford and Wrekin
FAMILY HUBS

SOUTHWATER DROP IN

Every Wednesday 9.30am - 12:30pm
Southwater Library - children's section

- Advice and signposting
- Information on parenting/ courses
- Support and guidance around accessing local community activities
- Family hubs information

Provided by
Strengthening Families
and Dandelion Peer
Parent support



To find out more about of the
Family Hubs Offers please visit our website
www.telford.gov.uk/familyhubs



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